

ECCLESIASTICAL.—The Reverend M. Billaudelle, for ten years the respected and beloved Superior of the Seminary of St. Sulpice, Montreal, having on Monday the 21st inst., tendered his resignation of that arduous situation, the Reverend M. Dominique Granet, one of the Directors of the ecclesiastics of the College, was on Tuesday the 22nd inst., elected as his successor.

We are happy to have it in our power to announce the safe arrival of the Right Rev. Dr. O'Reilly, Bishop of Hartford, at Boston, by the *Cambria*. It had been feared that His Lordship was amongst the passengers of the ill-fated *Pacific*.

BAZAAR FOR THE PROVIDENCE CONVENT.—It may be well to inform our readers that a Bazaar, in aid of the funds of the above admirable institution, will be held about the first week in June. Any one who can contribute in any way to the success of this Bazaar, either by sending pieces of work, or any other useful or ornamental article, will render a signal service to the poor of the City, to whom these good Nuns are indeed a Providence. Who that remembers their untiring devotion in the time of contagion, their unceasing attention to the poor and sick of every creed and country—can refuse to lend a hand in ministering to their wants, and the wants of the destitute and helpless inmates of their Asylum.—There is no convent in the City, with the exception of the Good Shepherd, so poor as the House of Providence; and it is truly wonderful how they manage to maintain so vast a number of the aged, the infirm, together with many orphan children. In their charity, the good Sisters make no distinction (as is well known) between classes or creeds. Let all then come forward generously in support of their institution.

The following letter will, we are sure, be read with sorrow by every Irish Catholic in Montreal; for it announces the approaching departure of their revered pastor, and their beloved friend, the Rev. Father McCullagh, from amongst them. The reverend gentleman leaves Montreal on his way to Ireland on Monday next, and carries with him the fond remembrances and ardent prayers of the people amongst whom he has for so many years labored, and amongst whom his labors have not been in vain:—

To the Editor of the True Witness.

DEAR SIR—As I am about to return to my native country in a few days, the gratitude I owe to the Irish Catholics of Montreal, compels me, previous to my departure from amongst them, to thank them most cordially for the kindness and generosity with which they responded to my appeal on behalf of the noble Cathedral which is in process of erection in the old primatial See of St. Patrick at Armagh. It will be a splendid monument of the generous faith and piety of Erin's children to their holy Apostle, as will be seen by the following extract from the letter of the Most Rev. Dr. Dixon, which I here insert for the gratification of your readers, who have so largely contributed to this great work. Having acknowledged the receipt of the money sent to him from Canada, the Primate says:—

"It gives me pleasure to tell you of the progress of the work. That part of the nave which is above the transept, is now ready for the roof. The south transept is also ready for the roof; hence the great eastern window is finished, and the still greater window of the south transept is finished. This latter window is 53 feet in length. The window of the north transept is now in hands—and oh! what a window! I suppose there never was anything like it attempted in Ireland since the beginning of the world. If the funds should continue to come in as they have done since the resuming of the work, we shall be ready for the roof all round next October. As it stands, even now, it is the noblest monument ever raised in Ireland to the memory of St. Patrick."

Will not those of your readers, who have contributed to the erection of this magnificent temple to the glory of God, have cause to feel joy and pleasure for the share they have had in this great work of religion? It is a strong proof of their love and devotion for our illustrious Apostle.—But I must not omit here to acknowledge my obligations to the generous Catholics of Kingston, who, notwithstanding the many appeals made to them before I had visited their city, yet subscribed, with wonderful liberality, for the Armagh Cathedral, although they had heavy expenses to meet for the completion of their own. May God reward them a hundred fold. To their good Bishop, Dr. Phelan, I am deeply indebted for his great kindness to me; nor am I less indebted to the Rev. Mr. Roche of Prescott, and his generous congregation. The Rev. Mr. Farrelly of Kemptonville, the Rev. Mr. O'Connell of Richmond, and a few other clergymen, together with some friends in the Cities of Ottawa and Quebec, have likewise a claim on my gratitude; and I take this opportunity to offer them all my humble and cordial thanks; and to assure them that I shall feel it my duty to pray God to bestow on them His choicest blessings.

With many thanks for your unceasing kindness, I have the honor to be, Mr. Editor,
Your humble servant,
P. McCULLAGH, Priest,
Of the Archdiocese of Armagh.

"TEMPERANCE ET INTemperance" MONTREAL.—The writer of this conclusive pamphlet against the modern legislative absurdity known as the "Maine Liquor Law," conceals his name from the public; but his logic is irrefutable, and the facts to which he appeals in support of his thesis—that all sumptuary enactments must prove either inoperative or mischievous—cannot be gainsaid. For the present, thanks to the good sense of our Legislature, this question has been satisfactorily settled; but we may expect to see it broached afresh—and it is well therefore to be provided with arguments and facts against the fanaticism of the "Maine-acs." In the United States the day of these gentry is passed; and by late papers we are happy to see that in Portland, the birth place of the disease, the people are rapidly recovering from the singular delusion, that immorality can be cured by human legislation: "One of the most noticeable things in our recent civic election" says a late Portland journal—"was the rejection of every candidate for re-election who supported Mr. Neal Dow's administration. This fact is cheering, and conclusive as to the opinion of those who have given a fair trial to the farcical attempt to put down drunkenness by Act of Parliament."

PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT.

On Friday 18th, Mr. J. S. McDonald moved an address to the Governor, praying him to recommend an appropriation for the election of suitable Government buildings at Quebec. After a short debate the motion was withdrawn. A Committee was then agreed to, for the purpose of enquiring into the condition of the Jails of Upper Canada. On the motion of Mr. Cayley, it was agreed that on Monday the 21st., the House do go into Committee of Supply.

Mr. Cartier moved the concurrence of the House with the Resolutions reported by the Committee on Common Schools. Mr. Somerville moved several amendments, which were negatived, and the original motion was carried.

The subsequent Parliamentary proceedings have been of little interest; only on the 22nd, Mr. G. Brown brought forward his motion for representation by population, which was ruled out of order, by the Speaker. Mr. Ross's resignation gave rise to a long debate upon Monday evening.

POLICE BILL.—On Saturday last a meeting of the citizens of Montreal, the Mayor in the Chair, was held for the purpose of protesting and petitioning against the new Police Bill now before the Legislature. The Resolutions and the petitions for these objects were adopted almost unanimously.

We have no doubt our readers will be glad to learn that the friends of the Colonization movement in this City, have succeeded in giving effect to the recommendations of the late Buffalo Convention. On Tuesday evening last, a meeting was held for the purpose of organising a Society;—the greatest enthusiasm prevailed; and, as will be seen by the following brief report of the proceedings, a decisive step has been taken for the attainment of the proposed object. An adjourned meeting of the friends of this movement will be held on Tuesday evening next, at the St. Patrick's Hall, at half-past seven o'clock; when the Election of Officers, and other important business, will be transacted. We hope there will be a numerous attendance:—

THE COLONIZATION MEETING.—The meeting, which was held at the St. Patrick's Hall, on Tuesday evening last, the 22nd inst., to receive the Report of a Committee appointed at a previous one on the 15th, to confer with the St. Patrick's Society and the Irish Clergy in the Seminary, upon the best means to be adopted for carrying out the objects of the "Colonization Scheme," was duly organized by moving W. P. Bartley, Esq., to the Chair, and Dr. McKeon, to the place of Secretary.

The minutes of the first meeting were then read and approved, and the Report of the Committee submitted to the meeting,—whereupon, it was moved by Geo. E. Clerk, Esq., seconded by Mr. P. Ronayne:

That a list be immediately opened for enrolling the names of members desirous of forming themselves into an Emigration Aid Society, to carry out the objects of the Buffalo Convention; and that when the names of a hundred members shall have been so enrolled, the subscribers shall proceed to the election of officers; provided always, that no person shall be qualified to vote until he shall have paid the sum of five shillings to the funds of the Society.

This motion having passed, it was then further moved by Mr. Edward Murphy, seconded by Mr. Jas. Casey, and unanimously agreed upon:—

That a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Devlin, Clerk, Bartley, Doherty, and the Secretary, be named to draft a Constitution for the proposed Society, and that the meeting do stand adjourned until Tuesday evening next, the 29th inst., to afford time for doing so, as well as for the purposes of the first resolution.

A vote of thanks was then passed to the Chairman, and the meeting adjourned.

P. E. McKEON,
Secretary.

To the Editor of the True Witness.

SIR,—In our flourishing parish of St. Columba of Sillery, a meeting was convened by the Rev. Mr. Harkin, P.P., on Tuesday, the 15th inst., for the purpose of forming a Colonization Society, to carry out the intentions of, and to further the objects of the Buffalo Convention. The Rev. Mr. Harkin having been unanimously called to the chair, explained in a brief and appropriate discourse, the object of the meeting, the necessity of co-operating in the great and philanthropic work before them: a work which imperatively demands the zeal and assistance of every Irishman who loves his holy and time-honored religion, the "Green Isle" of his birth, or whose feeling can prompt a tender sigh for the hapless and homeless emigrant. After having explained the necessity of raising funds in aid of actual settlement, and having given general instruction with regard to the formation of a Branch Society, the following gentlemen were elected office-bearers:—

Honorary President,	Rev. P. H. Harkin.
Vice President,	Mr. James Rockett.
Secretary,	Mr. Andrew Doyle.
Treasurer,	Mr. Jos. Cantillon.

On motion of J. Fitzpatrick, Esq., seconded by Mr. James Connolly, an adjourned meeting was agreed on, for Tuesday 22nd inst., for the purpose of appointing a Managing Committee.

Moved by Mr. William Power, seconded by Mr. D. Bogue: That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the *True Witness* and *Quebec Colonist*.

Moved by J. Fitzpatrick, Esq., seconded by Mr. William French, (Senr.):

That the Rev. Mr. Harkin do now leave the chair, and that Mr. J. Rockett be called thereto.

The Rev. Mr. Harkin having vacated the chair, and Mr. J. Rockett having taken the same, it was moved by D. McGuire, Esq., J. P., seconded by Mr. James Flanagan:

That the thanks of this meeting be due and hereby tendered to the Rev. Mr. Harkin for his dignified conduct in the chair.

A considerable number having given their names as members of the Society, the meeting separated till Tuesday.

ANDREW DOYLE,
Secretary.

LIGHT BRASO AGAIN.—On Saturday last the Police paid a professional visit to the city bakers, and carried away from one bakery, seventy-seven loaves, which were sent by the Chief of Police to the St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum.

PROTESTANT LOGIC.—"The ground assumed by the Free Church of Scotland in fighting the Sabbath battle before the nation, and in contending against the infidelity of the House of Commons, is this:—

"The 4th commandment is a moral institution coming from God, with the same sanction, and demanding the same protection as any other precept in the decalogue. If, therefore, it be right for a Legislature to protect the sixth commandment which says, 'thou shalt not kill,' or the eighth 'which says, 'thou shalt not steal,' it is also right that a national Legislature should protect the 4th which says—'remember the Sabbath to keep it holy' &c."

We copy from a paragraph in the *Montreal Witness* of the 16th inst.

If the above statement be correct, the Free Church of Scotland must be composed of a set of precious ninnies—to assume such ground before a purely secular legislature. It is singular that these men are so blind as not to see, that, in punishing "murder" and "theft," it is not the sin against God, but solely the injury inflicted by man upon man, that the State deals with. Were it otherwise, the State would be as much bound to enforce, by legal penalties, the observance of the precept against "adultery" or that against merely "coveting another man's wife," as the precept against killing and robbery—as much bound to punish the unchaste person, and the worshipper of false Gods, as the murderer or the burglar; and upon the same principle as that on which it would be justified in enforcing Sabbath observances at home, it would be compelled to visit with capital punishment the sins of its idolatrous subjects in India.

In the *Aylmer Times* we read the following eulogy on Protestant morality:—

"The Protestant population of Canada are as a people—law abiding and law supporting—they do not secrete criminals from justice—and therefore when crime is committed among them the culprit is sure of arrest."—*Aylmer Times*, 18th inst.

As a commentary on this text, we would refer our cotemporary to the Tierney case. There is no doubt a crime was committed; though until the competent tribunals shall have pronounced judgment, we will not anticipate that verdict by qualifying the nature of the crime. The culprits, it is well known, are Protestants; informations against them have been laid before Protestant magistrates; and though more than three months have now elapsed since the crime was committed, not one of the culprits has been arrested—not a step has been taken to arrest the criminals; but on the contrary—the Protestant Magistrates of the District have done all in their power to secrete them, and shield them from the avenging arm of the law.

For the good wishes expressed towards the TRUE WITNESS in the following address of the "Aylmer St. Patrick's Society"—which we copy from the *Ottawa Tribune*—we beg leave to return our thanks to the subscribers; assuring them that it shall ever be the object of the TRUE WITNESS to merit the approbation and support of his Catholic fellow citizens.

We would also "improve the occasion" by impressing upon such of our friends as are in arrears—and we regret to say that many, very many, are in this predicament—the importance of punctuality in paying their subscriptions. It is not necessary that they should wait until called upon; for there are plenty of Post Offices in the country—and through every Post Office, money can be remitted. It is not owing, we well know, to any ill will, or even indifference towards a Catholic journal, that such large sums as are now long due to this office, are left unpaid; but to this—that the sum due by any one individual is so trifling that he cannot fancy it of any consequence, whether it be paid to-day, to-morrow, or next month. This is a great error; one from which printers suffer severely; and one which we trust these remarks may have the effect of rectifying. In this hope, we make an earnest appeal to our readers to remit all arrears due to us at once; either direct to this office, or through the hands of the resident agents of their respective districts—"as," in the words of our Aylmer friends, "the very existence" of a paper depends upon these remittances:—

ADDRESS OF THE AYLMER ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY TO THE IRISHMEN OF THE OTTAWA VALLEY GENERALLY.

GENTLEMEN,

At a period when the Province is teeming with publications heaping the most violent abuse on our country, and endeavoring to thwart the exertions that are now making to rescue the Irish race from that servitude that has been their common lot for centuries, it behoves all who have the interests of Irishmen and of their religion at heart, to come boldly forward in support of those public Journals that are manfully contending for their rights, and that are struggling in opposition to an unprincipled and licentious press.

Not the least talented and influential of these journals is the *Ottawa Tribune*, conducted by J. H. Burke, Esq., who, in addition to his manifold claims upon Irishmen for their support, also possesses superior claims in consideration of his able advocacy of the rights of the Ottawa—in fact, he may be styled the Dewitt Clinton of the Ottawa.—To that gentleman more than to any other is the Ottawa Country indebted for the attention paid to it in the Legislature of the Country; and it is well known with what ability its resources were pointed out by him at the late Buffalo Convention.

The *True Witness*, conducted by G. E. Clerk, Esq., also possesses claims second to no other in the Province; and this Society would also urge upon all Irishmen to use their utmost exertions to increase the circulation of that journal, which, in point of talent, is second to no other Catholic journal on this continent.

For these reasons, therefore, this Society would urge upon all Irishmen the necessity not only of using their utmost exertions to procure subscribers for these Journals, but of urging upon all those who are in arrears to pay up their subscriptions without any delay, as the very existence of these papers depends in a great measure upon the support they at present receive from their patrons.

Signed on behalf of the Society,

JAS. MCARTHEUR, President.
CHAS. DEVLIN, Cor. Secy.

The festivities of St. Patrick's Day have this year been observed most extensively throughout the country. In every district, township, and parish, wherever there were two or three Irishmen together, there has the memory of Ireland's glorious Apostle been celebrated with a truly Catholic spirit. The following communication, to the editor of the *Toronto Mirror*, is a specimen of the sentiments with which our Irish Catholic population of Canada are animated; sentiments alike creditable to them and to their Pastors:—

ST. PATRICK'S DAY IN OSHAWA.

OSHAWA, 8th of April, 1856.

You had your St. Patrick's day at Toronto. Well, we had our own yesterday at Oshawa, and a beautiful one it was. It is true, we had no procession, with flags and banners, but we had all we wanted on such a day. We all went to Church with our Irish feelings, to assist at a High Mass, beautifully chanted indeed. It was a truly Irish festival. At the communion almost every one went to the holy table to partake of the Bread of Life. An energetic discourse given to us by our beloved and venerated Pastor, Rev. J. B. Proulx, made on us an impression that will be long remembered. As long as we walk thus united with our Clergy, there is no fear for us in Canada.

It is with regret that we have to announce the approaching departure from among us of the Rev. J. N. Campbell, curate of St. Patrick's Church, who has been appointed by His Grace the Archbishop of Quebec, to take charge of the Parish of Laval. During the period this Reverend gentleman has officiated in Quebec, it is but due to him, and we believe we are only giving expression to the sentiments of the congregation of St. Patrick's generally, when we say that he has secured their affection and respect, and his absence from among them will be felt with sorrow. As a friend and counsellor of the poor, as a warm-hearted Irishman, but above all, as an indefatigable minister of religion, who during the trying times of sickness and disease was ever to be found administering the consolations of religion to the sick and dying, his services cannot easily be forgotten, and it is therefore with pleasure that we learn that the congregation are about to present him with some substantial token of their gratitude.—*Quebec Colonist*.

THE NEPEAN TRAGEDY.—Warrants have been issued against ten persons implicated on a charge of murder. Deputy Sheriff Armstrong paid a visit to the neighborhood of the gens, but without any result. This was as we expected. It gives us pleasure to be informed that the gentlemen sent intimation to some of the magistrates that they would not be arrested, but would surrender at the assizes. We learn that one of the party is a young gentleman who figured as Secretary of a meeting held in Richmond to denounce the Buffalo Convention, to which we made some allusion last week. What steps will the magistrates take? Will they await the leisure of people charged with murder, or will they enforce the execution of the law?—*Ottawa Tribune*.

An organisation purporting to become a great Protestant Association, based on the broad Protestant principles of Geo. Brown, has started into existence in our midst.—We have been placed in possession of information which leads us to infer that something of a startling nature will shortly transpire in connection with this society, its object and its members. This association it is, which, having for local Presidents, members of Parliament usually found in the tail of Mr. Brown, sought, at a meeting lately held in Belleville, to slake, on the heads of unoffending Catholics, their fendish thirst for blood. We should like to know if this is not the same association which has furnished the eight members of Parliament said by the correspondent of the *New York Times*, to have been detected in treasonable correspondence with ex-Governor Seward. We have written for further particulars.—*Toronto Citizen*.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.—An impression has recently become current, that the Canadian branch of the Anglo-Catholic Church, has abandoned all opposition to the lurid system of creedless schools. This impression was rendered more probable by the fact that one or two professing Church men in the present Parliament, took it upon themselves to state, that the communion to which they belonged had de facto endorsed the theories of Ryersonism, and agreed to "eat the leak" of Christianity—ignoring education. In these circumstances we were refreshed by noticing that at the annual meeting of the Gore and Wellington District Branch of the Church Society, an emphatic protest was enunciated against the moral pestilence in question. That influential convocation resolved, *nem con*: "That this meeting regards the blessing of a sound religious Education as above all price, and therefore records its deliberate protest against all systems of Education which excluded the reading of the Word of God, and the inculcation of the leading doctrines of Christianity, as an evil, as tending to produce a pernicious effect on the rising generation." It is to be trusted that at the ensuing Synod the sentiments so well above expressed, will be cordially homologated.—*Hamilton Gazette*.

THE ORANGEMEN OF CANADA.—Lay and clerical, are seeking to obtain an "Act of Incorporation, with power to plea and be impleaded, hold lands, &c., &c."

WHAT FOR?

A pretty hubbub we should have had in the *Globe* and other patriotic papers, if the plundered and impoverished Clergy of the Church of England and Scotland, in Canada, had persuaded the same Member of the Legislature to introduce an Enactment to give them the chance of adding a few pounds per annum to their incomes (now below that of four-fifths of our Mechanics) by similar purchases! We do not believe that those Orangemen possess one jot more loyalty than the Catholic subjects of the Crown of Great Britain; and we do believe that the course they are adopting is likely to pain and alienate the latter, and raise up bitter feelings, which will be fatal to the peace and prosperity of Canada.—*Toronto Old Countryman*.

Birth.

At Paris, France, on Saturday, 22nd March, Mrs. Alfred LaRocque, of a daughter.

In this city, on the 20th inst., Mrs. Patrick McKeon, of a daughter.

In this city, on the 22nd inst., Mrs. John Crosby, of a son.

At St. Martine, C. E., on the 17th inst., the wife of Mr. Peter Lacombe, of a son.

Died.

At Buckingham, on the 18th ultimo, Margaret, wife of Thomas Burke, Esq. The deceased lady was followed to the grave by a very large concourse of persons. She was one of the oldest residents there, and was highly respected.

BUFFALO CONVENTION.

AN ADJOURNED MEETING of the citizens of Montreal, favorable to the Colonization Movement, will be held at the ST. PATRICK'S HALL, on TUESDAY EVENING next, the 29th inst., for the ELECTION of OFFICERS, and the transaction of other important business. Addresses will be made by several gentlemen.

Chair to be taken at HALF-PAST SEVEN o'clock.

P. E. McKEON,
Secretary, pro tem.